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Strawberry Catalogue

North Main Street 

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NURSERY,

One Mile North of Depot.

Opposite City Hospital.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

J. W. ADAMS & CO., Proprietors.

CHARLES ADAMS, Superintendent.

Brightwood, Chicopee Falls Electric Cars Pass the Nursery.

Maple St. Electric Cars (Red Line,) Pass the Office.

Trees and Plants delivered free at any place in Springfield. City customers can order by mail, and pay the driver on delivery.

TESTING NEW VARIETIES.

We continue our practice begun in 1880, of planting new Strawberries as they appear, and rejecting such as are in no respect superior. The fruit product this season has been abundant, and the demand equally large. In our trial beds have been planted fifty named varieties and many more without names.

The HAMPDEN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY awarded us the Frst Premium of \$10.00 for best field exhibit.

The HAMPDEN COUNTY HORT. SOCIETY awarded us First Premiums for the ~~best~~ four varieties and COL. EDGERLY'S SPECIAL PRIZE OF \$10.00 for the five best plates on exhibition.

Customers are invited to visit and examine our plants in our trial beds.

STRAWBERRIES FOR EARLY FALL PLANTING.

To have Strawberries in most abundant quantities in less than ~~two~~ months: ten

The Soil should be made rich several days or weeks before setting.

The Plants should be extra strong runners. IF IN POTS, their growth will not be restarted by being transplanted.

Distances. Set in squares, 12 x 12 inches, or 16 x 16 inches. Or 12 x 16 inches, or 7 x 18 inches.

Season for Planting: September and October.

No Runners should be allowed to grow.

Barton's Eclipse. "This new berry is a wonderful improvement on the Haviland and Warfield in productiveness" says a distinguished grower in Ohio. If so, it stands at the head of the list; its large size, bright color, and excellent flavor, being in its favor. One of our customers cultivates with great skill more than a score of the choicest varieties. A visitor who saw them when in fruit singled out this one as the best, and ordered 20 dozen plants at \$1.00 per dozen.

Beder Wood. A variety that is well indorsed by the

leading fruit growers all over the country. It is a strong grower, excessively productive and very early. Fruit of good size, roundish, conical, bright red, firm and of good quality.

✓ **Beverly.** This new fruit is very highly recommended by growers in Eastern Massachusetts and also by competent judges in Ohio, one of whom writes, "the plant is healthy and productive and the fruit is large, fine looking and of good quality; a very satisfactory berry to both producer and consumer. It is very late in ripening and bears a long time." One of our own customers said, "we had strawberries of our own raising on our table this year, 45 days, ending with Beverly."

✓ **Bubach.** This most popular extra large fruit is a fair grower, and very productive. Its color is orange scarlet, rather firm and of average quality. Perhaps it has too little foliage to be grown safely in hills. For the same reason it is admirably adapted to matted row culture. The average size of the berries was as large as the Eureka and more prolific.

✓ **Gov. Hoard.** We have had this variety two seasons and have given it a prominent place in our list, because it has so many good qualities. The plants are very vigorous and free from rust: the blossoms are perfect and the fruit ripens quite early. Berries large, brilliant red, firm, and rich flavor.

✓ **Greenville.** From Ohio. This variety has not fruited on our grounds, but is healthy and promising. It was sent us as a new edition of Bubach: lighter in color, a stronger grower, and quite as productive. If these points are maintained here, it must be a prize of the first quality.

✓ **Haverland.** Another year's trial confirms our good opinion of this variety. This year it produced an abundant crop of fruit, each plant as set out in hills, being surrounded with clusters which ripened early and were strikingly beautiful. It has the same shape and bright color as the Cresent and is of double its size. It does not burn in August, and bears abundantly. It is also very early and continues a long time.

✓ **Jessie.** Extra large, deep red and excellent in quality. The plants are vigorous, stand the sun and bear abundant

crops. It was sent to us from the originator in Wisconsin. We can supply plants of our own growing.

✓ **Leader.** Another fine variety from the Bay State. Fruit large, early, firm, and most abundant. It has received several prizes from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and the disseminator says, "I consider it by all odds, the most promising berry ever sent out." We place it as a companion berry with Beverly, at same price.

✓ **Michel's Early.** A vigorous plant which ripens its fruit in a short time. The fruit is not very large, nor of the best quality, but it is desirable to plant with other varieties because of its perfect blossoms.

✓ **Middlefield.** A large and beautiful fruit for amateurs and skillfnl growers. Originated by the late P. M. Augur, of Connecticut.

✓ **Jewell.** By the same. This splendid berry we continue to grow because of its great size and beauty. It needs extra care and high culture. Gardeners who can grow it, will look for a long time without finding anything superior to it. It makes so few runners that the plants continue to be few and high in price. Shade from the afternoon sun seems to be beneficial.

✓ **Muskingum.** "A variety of real merit in all localities," says a correspondent in Ohio, where it originated. Fruit very large, roundish, conical, uniform in size, and never misshapen. Dark, glossy red, and of good quality. Another year's experience with it strengthens my good opinion of it. It is a good bearer, healthy and vigorous, and the fruit is large and attractive.

✓ **Parker Earle.** This new strawberry is uniformly large, regular, conical, with a short neck. Flowers perfect, fruit glossy crimson, ripening all over. Flesh firm, and quality good. Plant vigorous, healthy, and exceedingly productive, having yielded, it is claimed, 15,000 quarts per acre. This new variety from Texas is one of the most promising, having been tried in various parts of the country, with reports strongly in its favor. Season medium to late.

✓ **Princess.** For great size and productiveness this new berry claims to be in the foremost rank. A new variety

from Minnesota, where it appears to be superseding the older sorts.

Saunders. A valuable market berry from Canada. The plant is a luxuriant grower, and a great bearer. Blossom perfect, fruit large to very large, conical, dark glossy red, and flesh of same color. Medium early and good quality.

Sharpless. Extra large, mild, sweet flavor, with broad, healthy leaves. Being the first to disseminate this variety in the New England States, we have watched its continued popularity with much interest.

Shuster's Gem. This is a good grower and bearer, of medium to large size, bright red, and attractive. The plant is somewhat inclined to rust after the bearing season, but is not worse in this respect than many of our best sorts.

Timbrell. The party who furnished us our plants says, "This is a variety of great merit and all who have it should increase their stock as fast as possible. That it will be a standard variety there is no doubt. I have watched it carefully, and am glad to report that it has not a single weak point. The plant is a luxuriant grower and enormously productive. The fruit is very large, nearly always regular, conical form, crimson color, firm, excellent quality, and one of the latest to ripen."

There is neither pleasure nor profit in raising inferior fruit. To be salable Strawberries must be of good size and attractive in form and color. To be profitable, they must be vigorous and prolific. For the private garden, they should possess high flavor. We have this season rejected a large number of old varieties for better sorts. We recommend the kinds which do the best in OUR TRIAL BEDS, where all have the same soil and treatment. Prominence is given to such as we consider to be the best. These we plant most largely for market and for sale.

POTTED PLANTS FOR SETTING IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

Many of our customers prefer to have the young runners layered in small thumb pots. For this purpose, orders should be given at least *ten days before the plants are wanted*. When ready to ship, they can

be set out and every plant will grow and produce a good crop the next season.

For potted plants add one cent each to the price.

Varieties marked (p) have perfect blossoms. Every third or fourth row should be set with such varieties to insure the best results in perfect fruit.

			Prices per dozen.	per 30	per 100
Barton's Eclipse,	-	-	\$.50	\$1.00	\$2.50
Beder Wood, p	-	-	.50		
Beverly, p	-	-	.50		
Bubach,	-	-	.30	.50	1.50
Cloud,	-	-	.30		
Gov. Hoard, p	-	-	.50	1.00	2.00
Great Pacific,	-	-	.50		
Greenville,	-	-	1.00		
Haverland,	-	-	.30	.50	1.50
Jessie, p	-	-	.30	.50	
Jewell,	-	-	1.00		
Leader, p	-	-	.50		
Lovett, p	-	-	.50		
Michel's Early, p	-	-	.30	.50	
Middlefield,	-	-	.30		
Mt. Holyoke, unproductive,	-	-	.50		
Muskingum, p	-	-	.75		
Parker Earle, p	-	-	.50		
Princess,	-	-	.75		
Saunders, p	-	-	.50		
Sharpless, p	-	-	.30		
Shuster's Gem, p	-	-	.50		
Timbrell,	-	-	1.50		
Fine Mixed Varieties of the above,			.30	.50	.75

Since the reduction in postage, strawberry plants, when desired, will be sent postpaid by mail at the 30, or dozen rates. For 100 plants by mail add 10 cents.

Our new system of packing is so perfect that plants can be sent in this way with the greatest security. We have received many commendations of our plants and manner of shipping them. Larger quantities had better go by express. No charge for packing Strawberries.

Our Choice Hybrid Gladiolus, which have been selected from thousands of fine seedlings of nearly all colors

and styles of markings, attracted much attention and many were the expressions of admiration from visitors, who viewed them when in bloom.

Mixed Varieties. Various shades of red very fine. Per dozen, 50c; per 100, \$2.50. These are every one good though so cheap.

Mixed Varieties. Light and white, very fine. Per dozen, 75c; per hundred, \$5.00.

California Strain. These are the largest and finest gladiolus grown. Per dozen, \$3.00.

Prices sent by mail, or by prepaid express.

NEW AND RARE TREES.

Walter Pease. This very large and beautiful deep red apple is now offered for the first time. The trees are quite productive, and when loaded with apples are very showy, even more so than the Baldwin. The fruit also attracts the attention of buyers, by its size and color. Its flavor is mild, rich and aromatic, and though ripe in September, it may be kept until mid-winter. We regard it as a much better apple in quality than the Gravenstein and more profitable to grow for market. A very large grower of fruits, in an address to the HAMPDEN HARVEST CLUB said, "it is the best apple in the world." Even then we waited until we saw the orchard in bearing, before procuring the buds and growing the trees for market. Our stock of this variety is limited. While it lasts we offer it at the very moderate prices. Trees 5 to 7 ft., \$1.00 each; 6 trees for \$5.00; 12 trees for \$10.00.; Extra size, 7 feet, \$1.50 each.

Borgeat. This splendid new quince, we imported from France, and the original tree has borne four seasons in our Nursery without a failure. The growth of the trees is remarkable, often 6 feet. The leaves are very thick, glossy, and more than double the size of any other variety, continuing green as long as the leaves on the apple trees beside them. Fruit extra large, round, smooth and golden; very tender when cooked. Keeps sound until February. Our customers speak in the highest terms of this variety and especially of its bearing. Trees in the nursery rows, as we write, are well laden with fruit. People who have heretofore bought quince trees, expecting and receiving short and crooked

scrubs, will be delighted on receiving trees of this new variety, which are as straight and thrifty as apple trees. Its large size, round and smooth surface, golden color, tenderness when cooked, early ripening and good keeping qualities; its thrifty vigorous growth the entire season, and early bearing, ought to entitle it to a large space in every garden. Price, \$1.00 each; 6 trees for \$5.00.

J. C. writes, "Much like Champion, but earlier and a superior variety, and a much better grower. The plants are splendid."

Juniper, Golden Prostrate. An evergreen of great value for lawns as it does not obstruct the view and is exceedingly ornamental. It is a trailing shrub, not rising above a few inches and spreading over a large space. Foliage of the MOST BRILLIANT GOLDEN COLOR in summer; coppery golden in winter. Hardy and of great beauty, when grown in full sunlight. Very rare. \$1.00 each.

Maple, Norway. A large spreading tree, of globe form, with broad, deep green foliage. It can be transplanted with less loss than its only rival, the sugar maple, and is suited to all soils. Those dense, round headed trees at the foot of Jefferson Avenue are of this variety and from this Nursery. Trees 6 to 8 feet, 75 c; 9 to 10 feet, \$1.00; 10 to 12 feet, 1.50; 12 to 15 feet, 2.00.

Maple, Cut-leaved Silver. A rapid growing picturesque tree, with drooping branches and graceful habit. The leaves are deeply cut, and silvery white underneath. The leaf stalks are long and tinted with red. Being a quick growing tree well suited to new houses, as a lawn or street tree, the demand for them is increasing every year. Our stock of them is now so large that we offer beautiful trees of all sizes from 6 to 15 feet high with fibrous roots, which will insure their growing in all soils. Trees 8 to 10 feet, \$1.50; 10 to 12 feet, \$2.00; 12 to 15 feet, \$3.00 each.

Thirty fine specimens of this maple which we furnished to the late J. D. McKnight are growing in the park on Dartmouth Terrace. Also on both sides of Warriner Avenue, and a single tree may be seen on Chestnut Street, above Ringgold, in this city.

Birch, Cut-leaved. Remarkable for its erect, slender, yet vigorous growth, graceful and drooping habit, silvery white bark and delicately cut foliage. It thrives in sandy or moist soils, and is beyond question one of the most

They will then be delivered at the right time. Full directions for pruning and planting are sent to all purchasers. Grounds laid out and planted.

Fruits. The summer having been dry and warm, our trees have made a good growth, and they will be the best in every respect which we have ever offered. Many of our two-year-old buds of Plums and Apples will be eight feet in height.

Baldwins. We have now a large stock of Baldwins, the leading apple of the world, and several hundred trees of the famous "Odd-year Baldwin," and a full assortment of other apples.

Pears. We continue to grow the standard varieties : Bartlett, Clapp's favorite, Anjou, Seckel and others.

Cherries. We shall offer this fall, two-year's budded trees of a new variety, which we have named the "Bay State." It is a cherry of the largest size, deep red, bears very young, and is of excellent flavor. We believe this variety—which can be obtained only at the North Main Street Nursery—is superior to all other cherries, for this climate.

Plums. We continue to grow the Lombard, German Prune, Abundance and other leading plums.

Quinces. The Orange, and new Borgeat Quinces.

Grapes. Our stock includes the Diamond, Moore's Early, Worden, Early Amber, Concord and other leading varieties. Strong vines which can be moved with safety, and are certain to please our customers.

Currants. These should be planted early in autumn, when practical. Extra fine plants of Victoria, Prince Albert, Cherry, White Grape, and Fay's Prolific can be supplied at very reasonable prices.

Gooseberries. Attention is invited to the Downing gooseberry; a quick growing kind of the largest size.

Raspberries. The new Springfield Thornless black raspberry, which originated here, is now a standard sort. Very early, hardy, sweet and productive, and deserves a place in every garden.

Quality and Price. Customers tell us that our trees and plants are not only larger in size, but better in quality and less in price than those grown at the West. They also possess the merit of FRESHNESS FROM THE SOIL. They are carefully lifted and promptly delivered to the purchaser.

Street Trees. We have on hand several thousand Norway, Sugar, Silver, Cut-leaved and Red Maples, American and Dover Elms, Lindens, Catalpas, Willows, and other trees suitable for streets. These trees frequently transplanted, and having many fibrous roots, commence growing immediately; while trees from the woods often linger for years in a semi-comatose state and then die. We supply fast-growing trees for immediate shade.

Lawn Trees. Cut-leaved Birch, Maples, Virgilia, Hawthorn, Mountain Ash, Purple Beech and many others.

Beautiful Roses. Strong plants, grown in the open ground, including White and Flesh Color, Yellow, Pink, Rose Color, Light Crimson, Dark Crimson, Maroon and Purple, Moss, Climbing and Garden Roses.

Elegant New Shrubs. Golden-leaved Syringa. Pronounced the most striking of all colored leaves. Spirea, Hawthorn leaved. Japan Snow Ball, a superior variety in all respects. Prunus Pessardi, has dark purple leaves all summer. Spirea, Thunbergfi, beautiful foliage and early flowers. Exorchordia, has elegant star flowers in June. Weigelia, variegated, leaves margined bright yellow. Altheas of many colors; very cheap. Hydrangea, Pan Grandiflora, a large stock of all sizes. New Phloxes, the best selected from 50 varieties. We keep no others. Wistarias, Ivys, and other climbing vines, including Hall's Japan Honeysuckle. Japan Ivy for covering walls of brick or stone, a large stock.

Evergreen Trees. We have very fine trees from the Rocky Mountains, including several new and beautiful species. Globe, Siberian and American Arbor Vitæ. Norway and American Spruce, Hemlock, Pine, Retinospora, Juniper, etc.